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In re Patent Application of:  
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Application No.: 10/647,765

Group Art Unit: 3651

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Examiner: R. Ridley

For: **DEVICE FOR CLAMPING AND HOLDING  
AN ELONGATED WORKPIECE**

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed May 24, 2004, please

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**Amendments to the Claims appear on page 2 of this paper.**

**Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.**

**REMARKS**

This paper is being submitted in response to the official action of May 24, 2004. Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the species of Group II, FIGS. 11-14, without traverse, with claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 being readable thereon.

Applicant has also presented new claims 17-24, which read on the species of Group II, FIGS. 11-14.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss the foregoing or any matter of form in an effort to advance this application toward allowance, he is urged to telephone the undersigned at the indicated number.

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